

Measure Up

Spring 2012

Assessment news for high school teachers



Did you know?

- **A sample of about 2,000 schools and 75,000 students participated in NAEP 2012.**
- **NAEP 2012 included long-term trend assessments in mathematics and reading at ages 9, 13, and 17, and a computer-based writing pilot at grade 4.**
- **NAEP 2013 will include assessments in mathematics and reading.**

Thank You!

Thank you to all schools participating in the NAEP 2012 assessment! The NAEP 2012 assessments began in October 2011 with the long-term trend assessment, a special NAEP assessment in reading and mathematics that is administered every 4 years to 9-, 13-, and 17-year-old students throughout the nation.

The existence of the two national assessment programs, long-term trend NAEP and main NAEP, makes it possible to

- measure student progress over time, and also
- develop new assessment instruments that reflect current educational content and assessment methodology as educational priorities change.

The NAEP long-term trend assessments were first administered in reading in 1971, and in mathematics in 1973.

The NAEP long-term trend assessment was developed to give information on the changes in the basic achievement of our nation's youth. It has been used to monitor trend lines first established in 1969. Results have been reported for reading since 1971 and for mathematics since 1973.

The last long-term trend assessment for which results are available was

administered during the 2007-2008 school year. The resulting trend data showed higher average scores in mathematics for 9- and 13-year-olds in 2008 than in any previous assessment year.

The 2011-2012 long-term trend assessment of 13-year-olds began on October 10 and ended on December 16, 2011. Students who are 9 years old were assessed from January 9 to March 16, 2012, and 17-year-olds are being assessed from March 19 to May 25, 2012. The results of these assessments will be available in 2013.





NAEP in the Classroom

When NAEP results are released, select items from each assessment are also released. Teachers can access the items, answer keys and scoring guides, sample student responses, and national performance results for twelfth-grade students using the NAEP Questions Tool at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/itmrlsx>. The NAEP Questions Tool includes both multiple-choice and constructed-response questions for all NAEP subjects and grades. Teachers may use released NAEP questions in their classrooms to see how their students compare to the nation or their state on specific items. Sample questions from past NAEP assessments in mathematics and reading are included below. Additional information about these items can be found by using the NAEP Questions Tool.

For sample questions, visit the NAEP Questions Tool at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/itmrlsx>.

NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students across the United States know and can do in various subject areas. Assessments are conducted in mathematics, reading, science, writing, the arts, civics, economics, geography, and U.S. history.

Grade 12 Reading Question

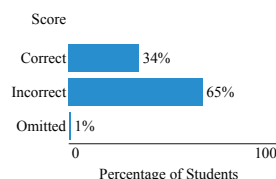
Security Deposit

Tenant has deposited with, and Landlord acknowledges receipt of, \$_____ as a Security Deposit. This Security Deposit is to guarantee the return of the property to Landlord in the same or better condition as when accepted by Tenant, reasonable wear excepted, and to satisfy any obligations of Tenant unfulfilled at the termination of this Rental Agreement, as specified herein. Satisfactory compliance with this section includes removing all trash and belongings of Tenant. If any provision of this Rental Agreement is violated, the Security Deposit is forfeited. The Security Deposit may not be applied by Tenant as payment for any rent due to Landlord. Should Tenant be responsible for damage and/or loss of value to the property greater than the value of the Security Deposit, Tenant hereby agrees to reimburse Landlord for such loss immediately upon the presentation of a bill for said damage and/or loss. Landlord shall return the balance of said Security Deposit, if any, to Tenant at Tenant's forwarding address, upon Tenant's vacating the property and returning keys to Landlord and upon termination of this contract according to other terms herein agreed. The Security Deposit will be returned within thirty (30) days after Tenant vacates the property, along with an itemized statement as to the deductions, if any, from said Security Deposit.

According to the rental agreement, what is one situation in which the tenant might lose some of the security deposit?

- A. When the landlord has not received the rent on time
- B. When there has been any reasonable wear to the property
- C. When the rent check has been dishonored and returned
- D. When the tenant moves out and leaves belongings behind**

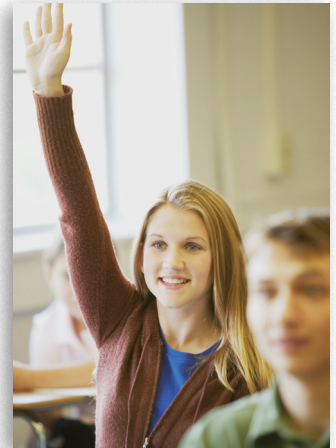
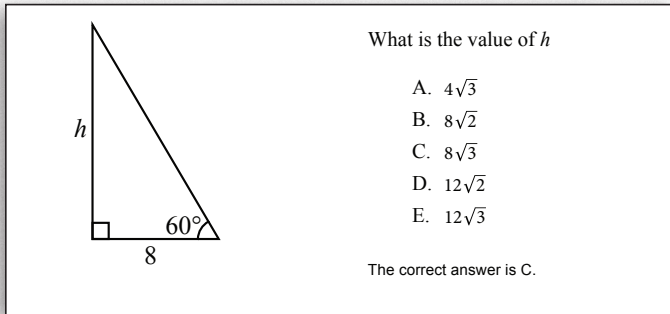
NAEP national performance results in Reading at grade 12: 2009
When would tenant lose deposit



NOTE: These results are for public and nonpublic school students. Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), 2009 Reading Assessment.

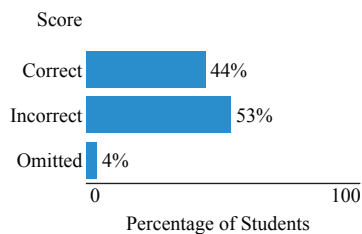
NAEP in the Classroom (continued)

Grade 12 Mathematics Question



NAEP national performance results in Mathematics New Framework at grade 12: 2009

Find length of side in a 30-60-90 triangle



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Since NAEP assessments are administered uniformly using the same sets of test booklets across the nation, main NAEP results serve as a common metric for all states and selected urban districts. The long-term trend assessment stays essentially the same from year to year, with only carefully documented changes. This permits NAEP to provide a clear picture of student academic progress over time.

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What Is The Nation's Report Card?

The Nation's Report Card informs the public about the academic achievement of elementary and secondary students in the United States. Report cards communicate the findings of NAEP, the largest continuing and nationally representative measure of achievement in various subjects over time.

Since 1969, NAEP assessments have been conducted periodically in reading, mathematics, science, writing, U.S. history, civics, geography, and other subjects. By collecting and reporting information on student performance at the national, state, and local levels, NAEP is an integral part of our nation's evaluation of the condition and progress of education. Only information related to academic achievement and relevant variables is collected. The privacy of individual students and their families is protected, and the identities of participating schools are not released.

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